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Ben,

SB Division was asking me some time ago if my associates here were going to react favorably to a suggestion that the Soviets would appreciate and relax a bit if a high ranking U.S. official were to make a statement denouncing the several incident of harassment of Soviet officials in the U.S. I checked, and the answer was "No."

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Now I see the attached. I wonder if our friends in SB and elsewhere in CIA who may be interested in this have seen it? I saw nothing in the press re this statement. You may wish to pass this along to SB.


Rob Roy Ratliff

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Office of the White House Press Secretary
(Milwaukee, Wisconsin)

STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT

I am deeply disturbed by the gun firing into the Soviet Mission to the United Nations that took place last night. This is the latest of a series of uncivilized acts carried out by the extremist groups who are acting in a spirit totally contrary to the American tradition. The people of this Nation are repelled by terrorism and demand that it end. It is ironic that those responsible for endangering lives, threatening children and harassing women claim to have a concern for human rights. Manifestly they do not.

I have instructed the Department of Justice to do everything it can in cooperation with the New York authorities to bring to justice those who have committed these vicious acts. I am confident that the New York authorities will cooperate in these efforts to the fullest degree.

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